



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Shigetoshi WAKAYAMA et al.**

Group Art Unit: **2814**

Application Number: **10/777,189**

Examiner: **Hoai V. Pham**

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For: **SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING A GUARD RING**

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114
EXPEDITED PROCESSING REQUESTED

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 16, 2006, the response date of which having been extended by two months to October 16, 2006, Applicants amend the claims as follows and submit the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.